

# Media Release

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## DELIVERING 100 NEW SCHOOLS FOR VICTORIAN KIDS

More growing communities across the state will soon have the world-class education facilities that every Victorian child deserves, as the Allan Labor Government delivers on its promise for 100 new schools by 2026.

Premier Jacinta Allan and Minister for Education Ben Carroll today visited Kurmile Primary School in Officer – one of 14 new schools that opened this year – to announce that the *Victorian Budget 2024/25* has funded all remaining schools to be delivered by 2026, making sure every Victorian family has a great local school, close to home.

A further 19 schools to open in 2026 completes the work to build 100 new schools in communities where they're needed most, with almost \$1 billion in this year's Budget to secure land and kick off construction on the final schools – building on the six new schools set to open next year.

More than 40,000 students are already attending one of the Labor Government's new schools – with Victoria home to more than half of the new government schools built across Australia in the past five years.

The principals appointed to the six new schools opening next year are the first all-women cohort of new principals, and they are already recruiting teachers and staff and preparing the curriculum for next year.

The new Wollert Central Primary School will be led by principal Bec Spink – who is now on her second stint at a brand-new Victorian school, having been a founding staff member at Aitken Creek Primary School until 2019, where she won Victorian Primary Teacher of the Year.

The Labor Government has invested more than \$1.6 billion since 2019 to grow and support Victoria's hardworking school staff, with the workforce growing by 2.8 per cent in 2023 – the largest increase of any state or territory.

Overall, the Government has invested \$16.9 billion over the past decade to build new schools, upgrade more than 2,000 schools and support more than 26,000 jobs in construction and associated industries.

A list of new schools is available at [schoolbuildings.vic.gov.au/new-schools](https://schoolbuildings.vic.gov.au/new-schools)

### Quote attributable to Premier Jacinta Allan

*"We said we'd deliver 100 brand-new schools by 2026, and that's exactly what we're doing – with all our new schools fully funded and principals getting to work to deliver an outstanding education for every Victorian child."*

### Quote attributable to Minister for Education Ben Carroll

*"The Allan Labor Government's education boom is the largest in the nation – we're looking forward to welcoming students to all our 100 new schools as we cement Victoria's position as the Education State."*

### Quote attributable to Member for Pakenham Emma Vulin

*"Our community is so excited to see a brand-new school in our area. It means more schooling options for families close to home, brand new facilities, and fresh opportunities for local teachers."*

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